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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed May 16, 2003, which includes a final rejection, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks that follow. Applicants assert that consideration of these remarks is appropriate because they point out the allowable nature of the present application. Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for his time during the recent telephone conversation in which he agreed that he would consider the written remarks.

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